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To Whom It May Concern:

Olsen Brothers Ranches believes that the base period should be from 1997-2002. Olsen Brothers and other responsible growers have made substantial efforts to reduce the supply of hops in the U.S., thereby helping to bring supply and demand into balance. This action benefits all growers and to use the latter period would be a detriment to the growers who have sacrificed for the good of all.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Raap".

John Raap
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